The Secret Agent: A Simple Tale, by Joseph Conrad, a Novel: Spy Fiction, Complete in One Volume (Paperback)

By Joseph Conrad

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The Secret Agent: A Simple Tale is a novel by Joseph Conrad, published in 1907.The story is set in London in 1886 and deals with Mr. Adolf Verloc and his work as a spy for an unnamed country (presumably Russia). The Secret Agent is notable for being one of Conrad s later political novels in which he moved away from his former tales of seafaring. The novel deals broadly with anarchism, espionage and terrorism.It also deals with exploitation of the vulnerable, particularly in Verloc s relationship with his brother-in-law Stevie, who has an intellectual disability.Because of its terrorism theme, it was noted as one of the three works of literature most cited in the American media two weeks after the September 11 attacks. *Plot summary* The novel is set in London in 1886 and follows the life of Mr. Verloc, a secret agent. Verloc is also a businessman who owns a shop which sells pornographic material, contraceptives, and bric-a-brac. He lives with his wife Winnie, his mother-in-law, and his brother-in-law, Stevie. Stevie has a mental disability, possibly autism, [4]...

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